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NASS SURVEYING CATTLE OPERATIONS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – In January the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will survey 960 cattle operations in Tennessee to provide an up-to-date measure of cattle inventories. The surveys were mailed this week in advance of data collection, which takes place Jan. 1-12, 2017.

"This information will help the nearly 39,000 Tennessee farms raising cattle make informed business decisions," said Debra Kenerson, Tennessee State Statistician. "According to the Economic Research Service's *Highlights from the 2016 Farm Income Forecast* released in November, overall agricultural cash receipts are expected to drop nearly 15 percent across the nation. This survey provides information which is vital to the measurement of change in the livestock sector."

During the first two weeks of January, Tennessee producers will have the opportunity to report their beef and dairy cattle inventories, calf crop, death loss, and cattle on feed information. To make it as easy as possible for producers to participate in the survey, NASS offers the option of responding via the Internet, telephone, mail or a personal interview with a local NASS representative.

NASS safeguards the privacy of all responses and publishes only state- and national-level data in aggregate, ensuring that no individual producer or operation can be identified.

The January *Cattle* report will be released Jan. 31, 2017. This and all Tennessee NASS reports are available online at https://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Tennessee/. For more information, call Debra Kenerson at (615) 891-0903, or (800) 626-0987.

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